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## STALIN OFFERS TO OUTLAW WAR

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### PREPARED TO MEET MR TRUMAN & DRAFT PACT

Moscow, Jan. 30.—Generalissimo Stalin said today that the Soviet Union was ready to make a joint declaration with the United States outlawing war, and offered to meet President Truman to draft such a peace pact.

Marshal Stalin was replying to a questionnaire submitted to him by the Hearst-owned International News Service.

In his reply, broadcast by Moscow Radio, he also said that the Soviet Union would co-operate with the United States in gradual disarmament measures.

Marshal Stalin said he would have no objection to meeting President Truman for the purposes of drafting a world peace pact. Asked whether the Soviet Government would be prepared to consider, along with the United States, a programme such as gradual disarmament, Marshal Stalin said that the Soviet Union could co-operate with the United States in carrying measures which would lead to a gradual disarmament.

Marshal Stalin said that if the Governments of the United States, Britain and France would agree to the postponement of the creation of a separate West German State until a Foreign Ministers Council could meet to consider the German problem as a whole the Soviet Union would see no obstacles to the lifting of the transport restrictions in Berlin.

He said it would be necessary however that the transport and trade restrictions introduced in retaliation by the three powers be lifted.

Marshal Stalin's statements were made in answer to a series of questions put by Mr Kingsbury Smith, European General Manager of the Hearst-owned International News Service, of America, submitted on January 27.

The questions and Marshal Stalin's answers were broadcast tonight by Moscow Radio.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The text of the questions and answers were:

1.—Will the Soviet Government be ready to discuss the question of publishing, together with the United States, a declaration that neither Government has any intention of going to war against the other?

2.—The Soviet Government prepared to co-operate with the United States Government in taking measures aimed at bringing about such a world peace pact which would lead to a gradual disarmament?

3.—If the Governments of the United States, Britain and France agree to postpone the creation of a separate West German Government, pending a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers to consider the German problem as a whole, would the Government of the USSR be prepared to lift the restrictions on communications between Berlin and the Western Zones of Germany?

4.—Is Your Excellency prepared to meet President Truman at a mutually suitable place for the purpose of discussing the possibility of such a world peace pact?

communications between Berlin and the Western Zones of Germany?

Marshal Stalin: "Provided the three Governments concerned observe the conditions mentioned in this question, the Soviet Government sees no objections to lifting the transport restrictions, provided that the restrictions on transport and trade imposed by the three powers are lifted at the same time."

#### WILLING TO MEET

4.—Is Your Excellency prepared to meet President Truman at a mutually suitable place for the purpose of discussing the possibility of such a world peace pact?

Marshal Stalin: "I have already stated that there are no objections to such a meeting."

Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent writes:

The Soviet Premier's expressed wish for better relations with the Western powers, contained in his statement made to a United States news agency in Moscow, caused a stir in diplomatic quarters in London this evening.

Observers in London immediately drew the conclusion that the essence of Marshal Stalin's statement was his offer to call off the Berlin blockade provided that Britain, France and the United States hold up the creation of a separate West German Government until the whole problem of Germany had been discussed again on a four-power basis at the Council of Foreign Ministers.

#### NO OFFICIAL REACTION

Washington, Jan. 30.—Generalissimo Stalin's statement that he would be prepared to meet President Truman to discuss the differences between the two nations was brought to the President's attention immediately here today, but there was no official word of his reaction.

The State Department declared, however, that the Soviet Government had made no formal move to initiate the meeting between the two leaders.

Mr Michael McDermott, the Press Officer, said the United States Government has not had "any request, communication or approach of any sort."

It was immediately recalled that Mr Truman has repeatedly asserted he would be ready to meet Generalissimo Stalin, but he had just as repeatedly insisted that he would not leave Washington to do this.

#### "PEACE OFFENSIVE"

Whether Marshal Stalin regards the struggle as a "mutually acceptable" place is probably not known outside the Kremlin.

Meanwhile, it seemed to diplomatic observers here that Generalissimo Stalin's statement is "the big push" in Russia's so-called "peace offensive" and that recent pronouncements by Communist leaders urging a Stalin-Truman meeting were designed as a "certain raiser" to today's big development.

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### Five American Soldiers Burnt To Death

Tokyo, Jan. 30.—Five American soldiers were burnt to death and 10 others are missing in a fire which destroyed an Air Force barracks at Yokota airbase near Tokyo early today.

Five others were seriously injured in the fire and have been taken to hospital. Twelve other victims, who were slightly injured, were given medical attention at the base.

According to an official announcement by General MacArthur's Public Information Office, the fire was noticed by a sergeant at 2.45 a.m. He was awakened by the heat, saw the flames and immediately sounded the alarm, but the flames had made considerable headway before discovery.

Ninety men were in the barracks at the time of the fire.—Reuter.

## Separate Peace For Shanghai, Nanking?

### REPORTED BROADCAST BY REDS

Shanghai, Jan. 31.—A Shanghai news agency reported last night that it has monitored a Communist Radio broadcast to the effect that the Communist leaders have agreed to the proposal for a separate peace for the Shanghai-Nanking area.

The report lacks confirmation from other sources which monitor the North Shensi Radio. It is known however that Mr Chang Hsien-hua, a member of the Legislative Yuan and one of the key figures in the proposal for a separate peace for the Shanghai-Nanking area, has been busy here exchanging views with local civic leaders on the question.

It is said that most of the leaders contacted by Mr Chang have agreed to his proposal. But the so-called "diehards" among the Chinese politicians are reported to be vigorously opposing the plan.

An unidentified Chinese reporter this morning said Madame Sun Yat-sen, the widow of the "Father of the Chinese Republic," has returned the letter from President Li Tsung-jen inviting her to go to Nanking to take an active part in the nationwide peace movement.

Madame Sun Yat-sen intends to keep out of politics and devote herself to child welfare work, the report added.

Although the response hitherto has been poor, Shanghai civic leaders, headed by the industrial magnate, Mr Tu Yueh-sen, and the Chairman of the City Council, Mr Pan Kung-chen, are continuing their preparations for a meeting of delegates from all provincial and municipal councils throughout the country to discuss measures for the "peace and national salvation movement."

The date set for the meeting is February 10 but a postponement is probable.—Reuter.

#### PEACE HOPES BLASTED

Nanking, Jan. 30.—A group of 34 pro-Communist liberals, headed by Marshal Li Chi-sen, tonight denounced the Nationalist government peace plan as "huge fraud instigated by American imperialism." The statements were broadcast over the Communist North Shensi radio.

The bitter denunciation blasted peace hopes, which had risen slightly when Communist leaders reportedly when President Li Tsung-jen's emissary in Peking that the Red high command would soon set the opening of peace talks.

Marshal Li, chairman of the pro-Communist Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee with headquarters in Hongkong, asked the people of China "fight for the realization of Mao Tse-tung's eight points" to attain a genuine peace. The Communist leader's eight points amounted to a demand for unconditional surrender by the Nationalist government.

The Communist radio said that 34 South China liberals held a mass meeting in Mukden in which the speakers accused President Chiang Kai-shek of planning to fight on with American aid while talking peace.

#### CAMPAIGN BY AGENTS

A larger group of liberals, including Marshal Li, recently met in North China where they denounced the Nationalist regime. The Chinese Communist Party leaders themselves took one day holiday from blasting the government.

It was learned that mysterious agents of Marshal Li, meanwhile, have opened a campaign behind government lines to induce Nanking

### Another Harlech Road Robbery Yesterday

#### HOLD-UP ON PEAK

A man and his sister who were hiking on the Peak yesterday afternoon were held up by three robbers, and Mr F. P. Franklin of 34 The Peak, who saw the incident from his house attempted to apprehend the men, but they escaped.

The man, Chow Li-chee, and his sister, Chow Fong-yuen, who live in Kowloon, were roughly handled by the robbers. The man was badly knocked about the face, while the woman, before the robbers relieved her of a wristlet watch and two rings, was kicked several times.

Mr Franklin saw this through field glasses from his house, the robbery taking place some 700 yards away.

Suspecting that a hold-up was being made, Mr Franklin set out with a revolver, the police in the meantime being informed by telephone.

#### MEN CHALLENGED

He observed three men walking in single file towards the intersection of Lugard, Harlech and Hutton roads. As they increased their pace, Mr Franklin challenged them across the Hutton Road, a few hundred yards from Lugard Road.

One of the men immediately made the gesture of drawing a gun and pointing it at Mr Franklin, who drew his revolver and fired.

Two of the suspected robbers immediately dashed into cover, while the third was ordered to put up his hands, which he did.

He was then told to come forward, and made a pretence of doing so, but as soon as he reached the lower level of Hutton Road, he dived into the undergrowth beneath the bank and disappeared.

The victims of the hold-up, who were suffering from shock, were given first-aid treatment at Mr Franklin's residence.

The man's left eye was badly injured and he is now in the Queen Mary Hospital.

## Israeli Elections Left Wing Parties Win Control

### LABOUR POLLS HEAVILY

Tel-Aviv, Jan. 30.—The left-wing parties—the MAPAI (Labour) and MAPAM (leftwing Socialists) and the Communists—will control more than half the seats in the Israeli Constituent Assembly.

It is expected that the Prime Minister, Mr David Ben-Gurion's, new Government will be "left of centre," excluding the Communists and taking in the Centre parties. The MAPAI Party polled over twice as many votes in Israel's general election as its nearest rival—the leftwing MAPAM Party—it was officially announced tonight.

#### FULL RESULTS

The full election results, including the Army vote, which has taken five days to count, are:

MAPAI—152,972 votes. MAPAM—52,033. United Religious Party—7,387. Fighters (Stern Gang terrorists) 6,299. Yemenites—4,809. Women's International Zionist Organisation—4,017.

The total number of votes cast was 427,029.

The only other parties getting sufficient votes to entitle them to Council seats were: Nazareth Arabs 7,387. Fighters (Stern Gang terrorists) 6,299. Yemenites—4,809. Women's International Zionist Organisation—4,017.

The exact percentage of the total vote was not revealed for "security reasons," but it was known to be heavy. The exact allocation of Assembly seats is not expected to be officially revealed before Wednesday.—Reuter.

### FREIGHTER'S SOS

The Hague, Jan. 30.—The 2,207-ton Finnish freighter, Sakakuta, sent out an SOS call tonight that she was sinking in the North Sea between the islands of Schiermonnikoog and Rottemoer, Northern Holland.—Reuter.

#### EDITORIAL

### Reds Overdoing It

WHETHER Mao Tse-tung's demand that Chiang Kai-shek and other Nationalist leaders should be arrested and handed over to the Communists as war criminals is to be taken as a serious prerequisite for peace talks, or whether it is part of a propaganda war of nerves is not altogether clear at the moment. If it is seriously intended it immediately takes the prospects of peace negotiations out of the realm of reality, being both stupid and provocative. Chiang, and more so some of his immediate advisers and administrators may well be condemned as incompetents in the manner they have conducted the national affairs since the Liberation, and for this they deserve the same sort of punishment as would be given to others guilty of similar failure elsewhere in the world—their eclipse from public life. But to describe them as war criminals in the sense that they originated the civil strife in China and must therefore be held wholly responsible for all the sufferings attendant on internecine conflict is beyond all reason. The millions of Chinese who have economically and socially suffered in consequence of Nanking's maladministration have no cause to feel grateful to Chiang and his KMT colleagues, but Mao Tse-tung would be making the biggest mistake of his career if he allowed himself to believe that these same people want to see their former leaders placed before Communist firing squads. And Mao has displayed such a high degree of astuteness hitherto, as witness his skilful handling of the Peking situation which allowed the city to surrender without that face-losing word ever being mentioned in the peace terms, that it seems inconceivable he really intends to blamish his diplomatic copy-book. For

the purposes of conducting peace negotiations which will be in keeping with his military successes and consolidate his political position. Mao already holds all the high cards, without needing to overcall his hand. Li Tsung-jen has indicated that he is prepared to discuss peace terms on the basis of the Communists' original eight points, and fairly enough he expects certain concessions and compromise when the negotiating table is reached. But if Mao insists upon the surrender of Chiang and his associates as a prerequisite for agreement on other points and the Communists will place themselves in the position probably of having to indulge in a costly military offensive to secure the Yangtze stronghold of Nanking. More important, they will forfeit whatever confidence they may have gained among the people in the eastern and southern areas as a result of their handling of affairs to date, and this, when it comes to the time for a Communist-controlled administration to be established, will be of graver consequence than any army which rebellious Nationalists might attempt to put in the field. Insistence on the war criminals clause in the original Communists' eight point basis for peace cannot aid Mao Tse-tung in his quest to bring the whole of China under his influence. On the contrary it can only prolong an unnecessary struggle to the detriment of the whole country. If Mao is fearful of the move to establish a hostile regime in Canton, his most effective method of dissipating that danger is to withdraw his extravagant war criminals demand and set about immediately to effect a general peace settlement acceptable to the nation as a whole.

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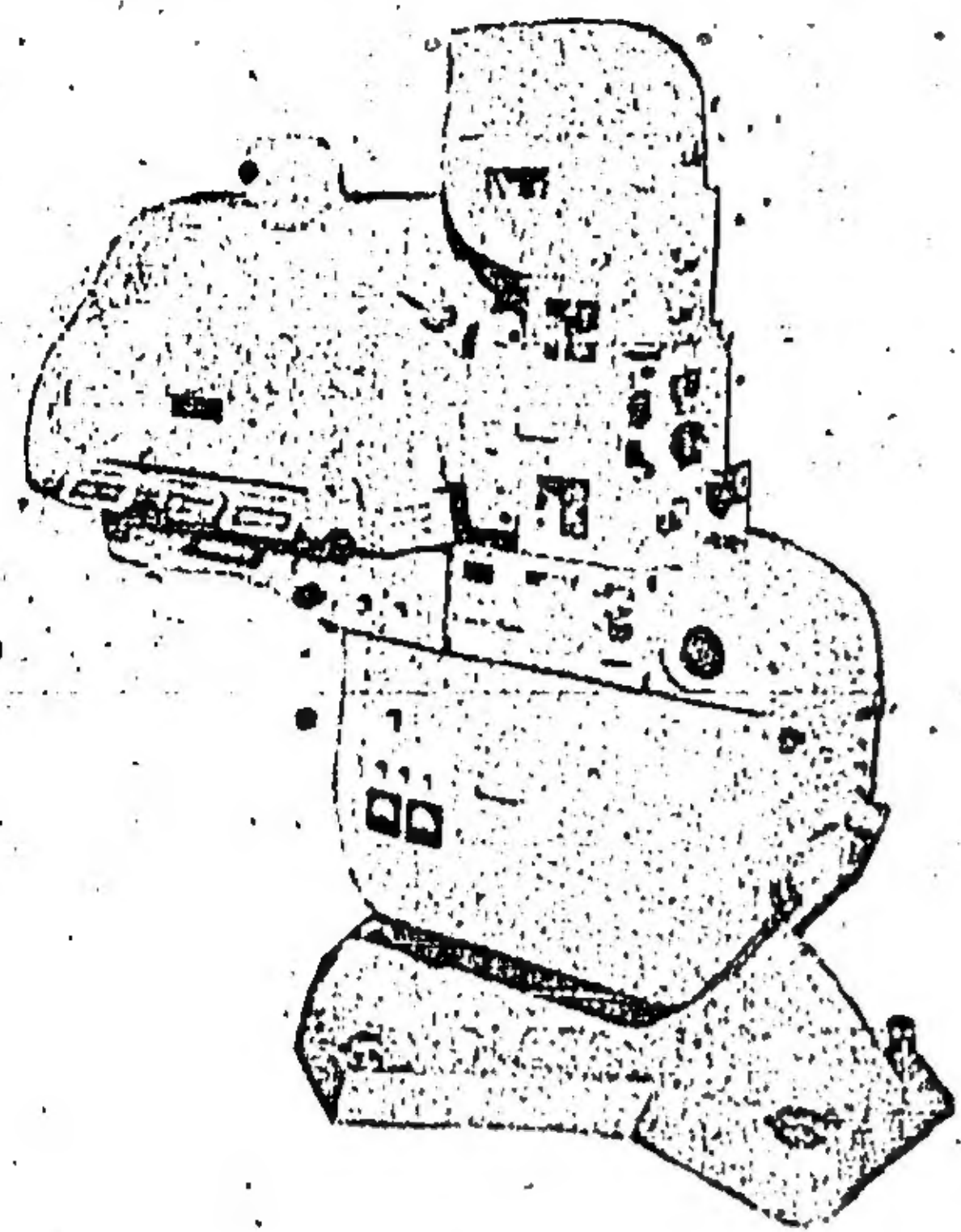
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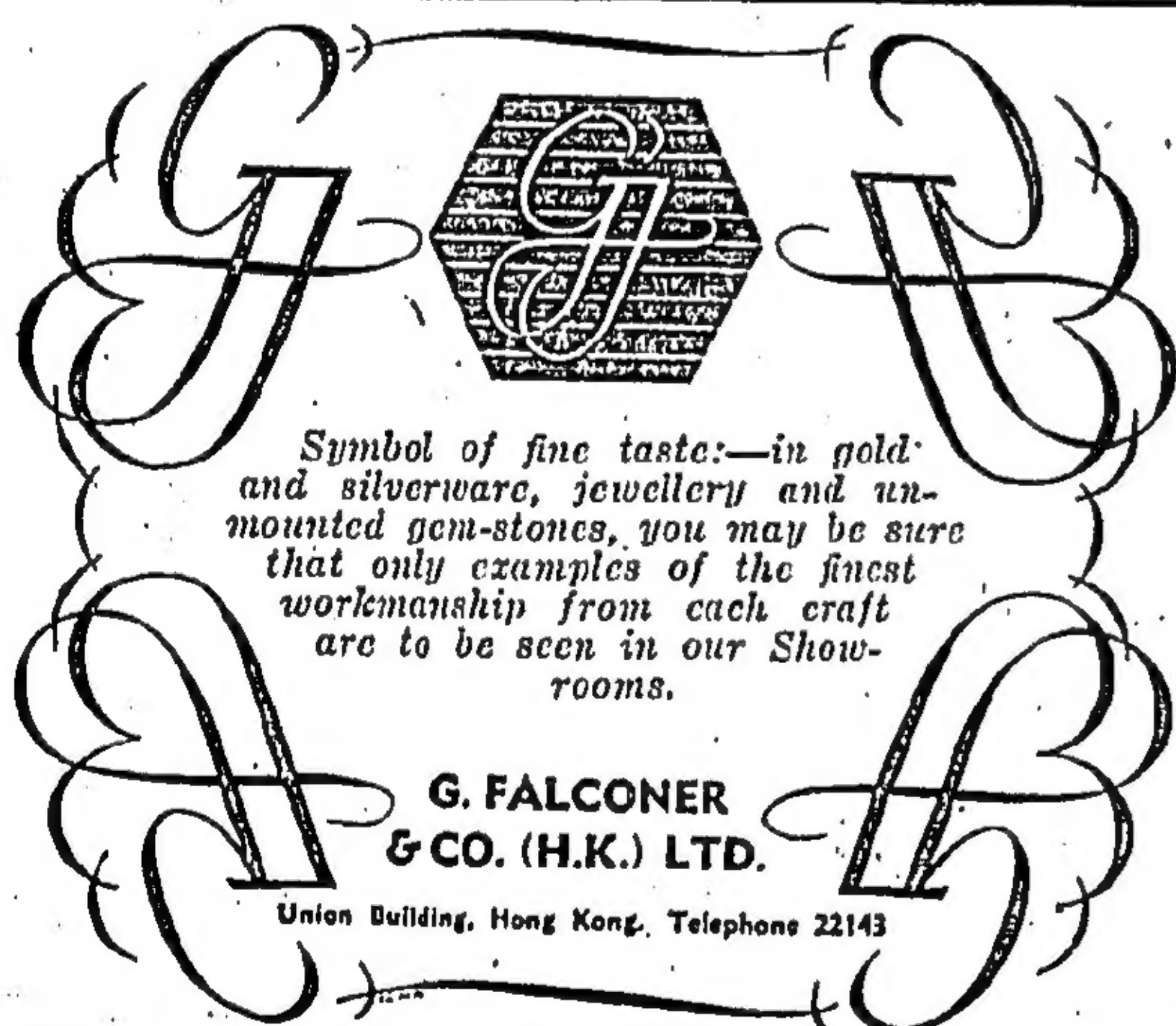
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## WOMANSENSE



### 1949 BIF To Show Novelty Fabrics

ALTHOUGH there will be no large-scale fashion parades at this year's British Industries Fair (Earls Court and Olympia, London, and Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, May 2 to May 13), there will be a vast amount to interest from the fashion point of view. Textiles (at the Earls Court, London, section) will be the leading exhibits and new revolutionary, will be on view, as well as the latest materials from the cotton, rayon and woollen mills of Britain. There will not be a fashion theatre as in other years, and the space thus saved will provide more room for exhibits.

The newest tweeds on view will be extremely flexible with small designs, and among other important woollen materials will be fine batistens and gabardines, some of the latter being waterproofed. Among the silk stiff cottons and petershamms will be outstanding with fine silks on rayons plain and printed, the latter showing larger and bolder designs than last year.

#### Cobweb-like Shetlands

Buyers will see dresses in very fine Shetland yarns hand-knitted into cobweb-like material, so fine that a backing of tulle is necessary to give it body and prevent stretching. Another fine wool which will be on view is the machine-made fabric which is woven with a base of artificial "body" and structure until the material is safely off the machine, which would otherwise break the extremely fine yarn; a scouring process then gets rid of the alginate, leaving behind a fabric which is practically transparent. The use of this artificial thread is a new story no longer, but the material thus woven is among the best-selling British can show.

New and imaginative designs in "twin-sets"—cardigans and sweaters to match—and the now popular jersey in such wools as fluffly angora are also to be displayed on the stands belonging to leading manufacturers. Some of the firms showing materials will themselves stage miniature mannequin shows for buyers, who will thus be able to inspect closely the fabrics used.

### It's The Folding That Matters

By ELEANOR ROSS

THERE'S both art and science in ironing and folding table linen correctly. All the care in washing and drying fine linen will be wasted, and the fine appearance destroyed, if these tasks are not tackled with care. After all, there is such a minute difference between doing a task well and an indifferent job, that surely it is worth the easy "second mile" to do the job right. Fine damask cloths and napkins should be well dampened and rolled down several hours before ironing. Both ironers and electric irons with automatic heat control indicate the highest heat for linens. Nevertheless, the heat should be carefully watched. The less the amount of dampness that has to be ironed, the more likelihood that the iron will get hotter than was intended. Ironing with too much heat will result in a faint yellowish stain on an actual scorch. Linens should be ironed first on the wrong side and then on the right.

#### Fold Lengthwise

When ironed dry, dinner napkins are folded twice into thirds, tea napkins into halves. The same folds are then repeated crosswise. The folds should be pressed in gently with the hands. This is a professional trick always employed by a good laundress. She knows that hard creases with the iron tends to break the fibre. Because of their size, table cloths have to be ironed with a "fold down the centre". This is the only error that the etiquette of correct table setting permits. The exact point at which this crease occurs can be rotated by folding the cloth down the centre one time it is laundered, a quarter of an inch off centre to the right the next time, then to the left a third time. Thus any wear that might result from ironing is distributed over sufficient area to minimise any danger of wear.

#### Folding Crosswise

Since crosswise folds are taboo on a well tailored table, the lengthwise folded cloth should be folded back and forth loosely in the linen drawer. But this does take a lot of room and, loose as the folds are, they may develop into humps that just won't lie flat when the cloth is on the table. Rolling around a mailing tube, a sawed-off broom handle or a yard length of curtain pole will keep a cloth flat and creaseless. In the case of a large banquet cloth which may not be used again for some time, rolling like absorbent cotton in blue paper will keep the cloth a gleaming white, free from any tint of yellow.

Since hot air is not good for linens, they should be stored in a chest which is not too near a radiator or steam pipe. And if any linens are bought not for immediate but for future use, it is wise to wash out the original finish before storing.

### Home Hints

If you are letting down the hem of a coat, such as a heavy polo coat, take out the hem, brush it thoroughly and steam the crease. If the crease is not eliminated by this treatment, use a piece of very fine sandpaper and gently rub against the nap. This technique will work up the nap and cover the crease.

Finish by facing the coat with a lightweight material and steampress the new hem.

To rat-proof buildings, block off all places through which rats might gain entry. All holes and cracks one-half inch or larger in foundations and walls of buildings encourage entry by rats. Materials for sealing such places include concrete, sheet metal and hardware cloth.

Small economies that count are cake soap bought in quantity and stored. When dried the soap lasts longer.

LATEST CHARMERS — These Paris models feature engaging pique accessories. On the left a new version of the pinfore dress is of poppy red jersey over a candy-striped red and white blouse with a tricky white pique collar and tie. The black velvet evening gown has a strapless bodice trimmed with white pique.

#### DRESS TIP

Featherbone is again being used in sewing. Use it in your home dress-making to "stay" wide, crushed belts. Place a strip of featherbone at the centre front, back and on each side of the belt, which should be made of a wide bias strip of soft fabric.

### The Magic Word "Vitamin"

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

DURING recent years, the magic word, "vitamins," has aroused interest, and doctors were quick to learn that not enough of the right kinds of vitamins may really raise havoc in the body. Citing just one example, a deficiency of certain vitamins may lead to conditions affecting the mouth and gums. I refer especially to a deficiency of Vitamin C, which causes scurvy.

In scurvy there are mouth symptoms, including bleeding under the lining membrane around the jaw bone, and spongy, swollen, bleeding gums. In advanced cases, actual loosening of the teeth may occur. There is some evidence indicating that certain cases of gum inflammation may be the result of mild scurvy.

#### Vitamin Deficiency

On the other hand, the observation of large groups of people, who have had limited amounts of Vitamin C, has not shown that gum inflammation or gingivitis developed. When gum inflammation is present, it is always important to make sure that the patient has received enough Vitamin C, but the treatment of gum disease with Vitamin C alone is not satisfactory.

Symptoms of Vitamin B-complex deficiency also develop in the mouth. For example, when there is a deficiency of riboflavin, part of the Vitamin B-complex, there is often cracking and inflammation at the corners of the mouth. This is frequently accompanied by a typical inflammation of the tongue, in which the tongue has a purplish-red colour. These mouth symptoms may also be accompanied by a mild

disturbance of the eyes with pain, when the eyes are exposed to light, and some inflammation of the lining membrane over the eye. These symptoms due to riboflavin deficiency clear up quickly when the preparation is administered.

Not enough niacin, also a part of the Vitamin B-complex, will cause the tongue to become swollen and scarlet in colour. There is likely to be an excessive saliva formation. These symptoms may be accompanied by diarrhoea and vomiting, also a skin eruption, with headache, dizziness, and sleeplessness.

There is also evidence that a lack of niacin may be a contributing factor to the development of a mouth infection known as Vincent's angina.

In view of the fact that a deficiency of these various vitamins is related to mouth disorders, it is important to make sure that persons who have these disturbances are amply supplied with the necessary vitamins.

### FOR THE SENIOR MISS



By VERA WINSTON

THE JUMPER leaps into first place for college promotions. And no wonder, for a good jumper dress is a most useful wardrobe friend, permitting an easy change of costume by varying the blouse. Brown velvet is used for this one which has widely placed unpressed box pleats from the skirt. The separate draped sash is buttoned at the back. The open front reveals the blouse, which is a pink featherweight flannel nicely monogrammed.

### If Skin Is Coarse-Textured



A good skin freshener, which has a mild astringent effect, will help correct coarse texture of the skin.

By HELEN FOLLETT

ONE of the most stubborn complexion ills is coarse texture of the skin. Pores become enlarged, usually because of excessive activity of the sebaceous glands. The direct cause, it is believed, is a diet that contains too much fat. Rich sauces and pastries must be deleted from the daily intake of groceries; cream, butter and chocolate must be cut down to the limit.

At cosmetic counters, the afflicted one will find astringents that are useful in combating this trouble. Witch hazel, applied with pledges of cotton, allowed to dry on, may prove an effective treatment for reducing the texture of the epidermal coat. A good skin freshener also has a mild astringent effect. Plenty of cold water is essential; it causes the pores to contract.

Creamy cosmetics can be used to allay a chapped condition or rough surface, but they should not remain on overnight. Foundation cosmetics of a dry nature are better than oily ones.

Beauticians recommend the use of masks or packs. Mix knoll—you buy it at the drug store—with enough witch hazel to form a mass. The consistency of whipped cream. Spread it over a clean skin surface, let it remain on until it begins to flake. Remove with cold water. Friction with an ice cube.

The white of egg mask often is a refining influence. Spread on a thin film. You will soon be aware of a tightening of the flesh.

The texture of the skin, like coarseness of hair, may be an inheritance; in that event it is extra difficult to get it in good form. But one might as well keep on trying. A coarse skin, unless it is grossly coarse, is not particularly objectionable if it has pleasing colouring.

Don't overlook the benefits of cold compresses that have considerable contracting power. The muscles around the tiny glands contract under the influence of cold water or ice. Not an overnight magic, you understand. All beautifying efforts take time, faith and patience.



### The "Covered-Up" Kitchen

"CAN you, tell me Madame, why the American woman likes to cover up her kitchen?"  
"But Chef, what do you mean?"  
"I mean that she hides away all the utensils and the things that are necessary to her kitchen operations. You see all the pots and sauce pans I use? They hang near the range where I can reach them easily and get them quickly. You see my knives? They are in the rack. You see the measuring cups, the egg beaters, the long handled spoons, the ladles, the big forks, the grater? They are hanging here in front of my preparation table where everything is convenient."

"I have been in many home kitchens that look what you call streamlined and spick and span," he continued. "But when the homemaker wishes to prepare a meal in the kitchen, she has to open and close the drawers and closets, climb upon a chair to reach the high shelf, and stand on her head to get the utensils from the floor cupboards. In order to prepare a simple meal she becomes a contortionist."

"Chef, you've hit upon a principal topic of discussion at one of our Food Editors' Conferences," I chuckled. "A recent survey reveals that every week a homemaker makes 650 trips between the refrigerator and the range while preparing meals. These trips can be lessened, if the kitchen is rearranged so the sink, stove and refrigerator are placed more closely together with working space between each unit, and if the utensils needed near each are grouped nearby. Intelligent thought given to the re-arranging of the kitchen for efficient use will save many a homemaker from kitchen-fatigue."

"Now, about baking. We had several interesting meetings featuring prepared mixes, for time and energy saving. There were all kinds of pancakes made from pancake mix, Chef, even your favourite crepes suzette!"

**Fancy Pastries**  
"Then there were all kinds of tiny tarts and fancy pastries, made from piecrust mix; delicious hot rolls from the roll mix and big cakes from cake mixes," I continued. "The mixes are time-saving, work-saving and they are especially useful for young, inexperienced homemakers. While they are learning to use the oven, and to create the more person-alised rolls, cakes and pastry as directed in regular recipes, the mixes will save time and effort and many annoying cooking failures."

"It seems that the fashion of baking home-made yeast breads is going out of style," remarked the Chef.

"On the contrary, it's coming back stronger than ever. At one of the conferences held for the Food Editors at Louis Sherry's, this matter was discussed. Sherry started his restaurant in the eighties, with

yeast breads of all kinds as a specialty. His Chelsea and Astor rolls, little Vienna breads, currant buns, and the new English muffins, created a sensation at that time. The news today is that every one of these delightful breads, even the English muffins, can be made ready to eat within two or three hours' time by any homemaker, by using the new quick dry yeast."

#### Dinner

Tomato Soup (Tinned)  
Pressure-Baked Stuffed Fish  
Fish Gravy  
Cole Slaw with Buttered Beets  
Toasted English Muffins  
Unleavened Bread or Conserves

#### Coffee or Tea

All Measurements Are Level  
Recipes Serve Four

#### Pressure-Baked Stuffed Fish

Stuff the fish with plain dry tomato or celery stuffing. Sew together with coarse white string; gash in three places on the back, and bend into a circle if too large to lie flat. Lightly brown on both sides in margarine or vegetable fat. Season with salt and pepper, and sprinkle with 1 tsp. lemon juice. Place the rack in the cooker. Pour in 1 1/2 c. hot water. Wrap the fish in a piece of parchment paper, first rinsed with cold water, pressed dry and then rubbed with oil so it can easily be removed after cooking. Put in the fish; close the cooker, bring to 15 lbs. pressure and process 15 min. to the pound. For a crisp finish, remove the parchment paper; put the fish on a heat-proof platter, brush with butter or margarine and brown in the broiler. Garnish with dill or parsley.

#### English Muffins Modern Style

Sift 1 c. milk. Add 2 tsp. sugar and 1 tsp. salt; cool to lukewarm. Next measure into a bowl 1 c. lukewarm water and sprinkle or crumb in 1 pk. or 1 cake yeast, dry or compressed. Let stand 5 min. Stir and add the milk mixture. Then beat in 3 c. sifted all-purpose flour. When smooth, stir in 1/4 c. melted shortening and 3 additional cups sifted all-purpose flour. Turn the dough onto a lightly floured board and knead until smooth. Place in an oiled bowl. Brush lightly with melted shortening and let rise in a warm place, free from draughts, about 1 1/2 hrs. or until doubled in size. Stir down. Then divide into 8 equal portions; shape into round biscuits and cover with waxed paper. Let rise again in a warm place about 30 min. Then roll to 1/4" thickness but keep them round. Heat a heavy griddle as for griddle cakes but do not grease it. Place the biscuits on the griddle; as they brown reduce the heat and bake more slowly, still on top of the stove, allowing about 10 min. Serve warm, or split and toasted, with marmalade or honey.

#### Trick Of The Chef

To wash the grit and sand from greens use lukewarm water, and add a little vinegar to the final rinse.



# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**ASHORE SAFELY**—Safe and sound, these survivors of the Argentine tanker, El Captain, are happy to reach Norfolk, Virginia, aboard the Coast Guard cutter, Cherokee. The tanker broke in two off the Virginia coast, leaving 16 men on the front end and two more on the stern section. The entire crew was saved.



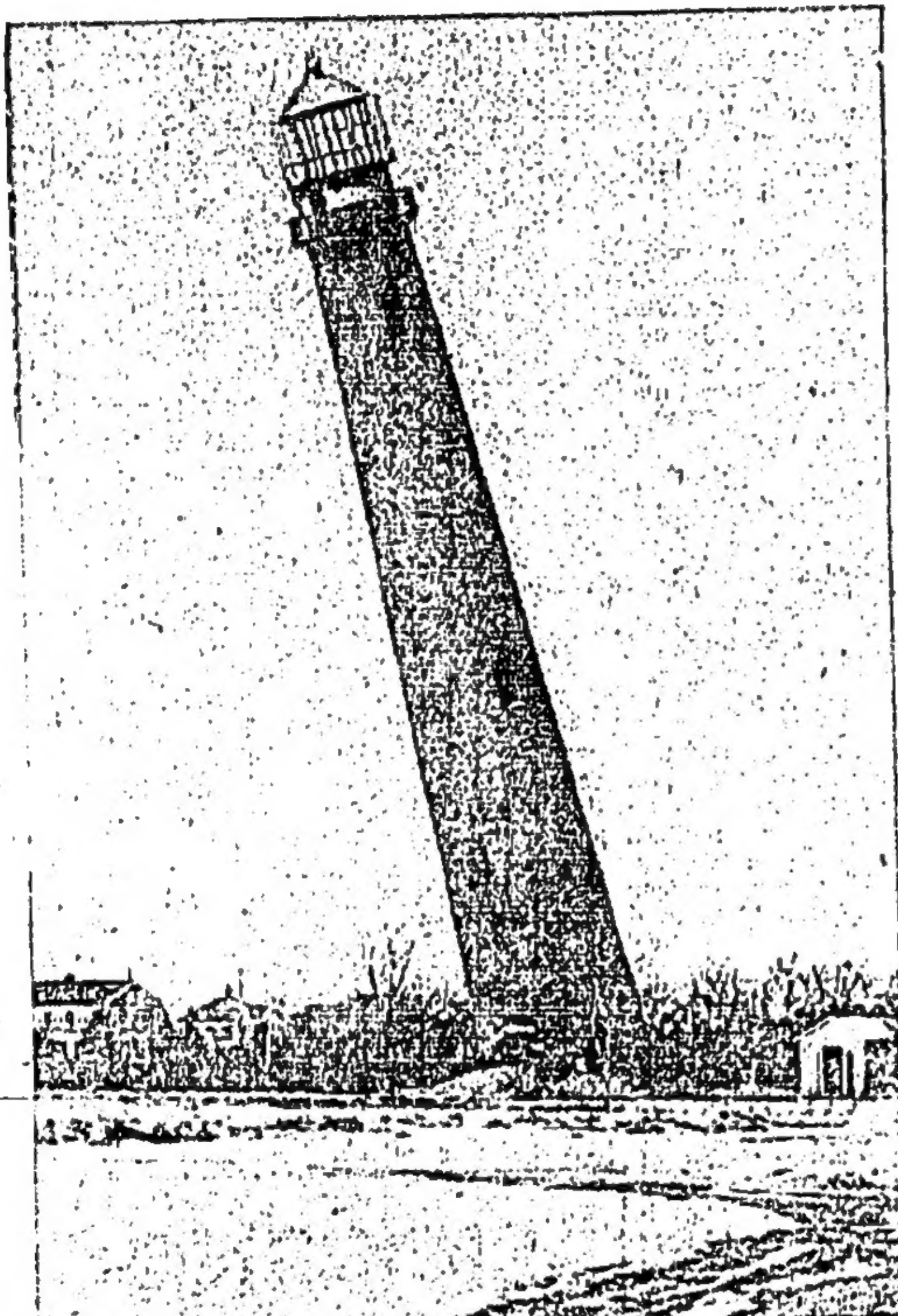
**ITALIAN ART**—Mario Vannini Parenti arrives in New York from Florence, Italy, holding a picture of the Donatello statue of San Lodovico. The 10-foot masterpiece and 120 Italian paintings will be displayed at the Wildenstein Gallery.



**KOREAN DIPLOMAT RECEIVES DEGREE**—Dr. John Myun Chang, left, Korean diplomat and distinguished Catholic layman, receives an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Brother B. Thomas, F.S.C., president of Manhattan College. Francis Cardinal Spellman, centre, a member of the Board of Trustees of the College, presided at the New York presentation.



**HOLIDAY CHEER**—Songwriter Irving Berlin, left, and comedian Bob Hope give actress Jinx Falkenburg a ride on an "Operation Vittles" coal chute in Berlin. The Americans spent a few weeks recently brightening things up for the German airlift personnel.



**ON ITS WAY**—The Shinnecock lighthouse in Hampton Bays, New York, comes tumbling down after being blown up by engineers. Built in 1857 and not used since 1931, the tower's foundation was ripped out and a torch applied.



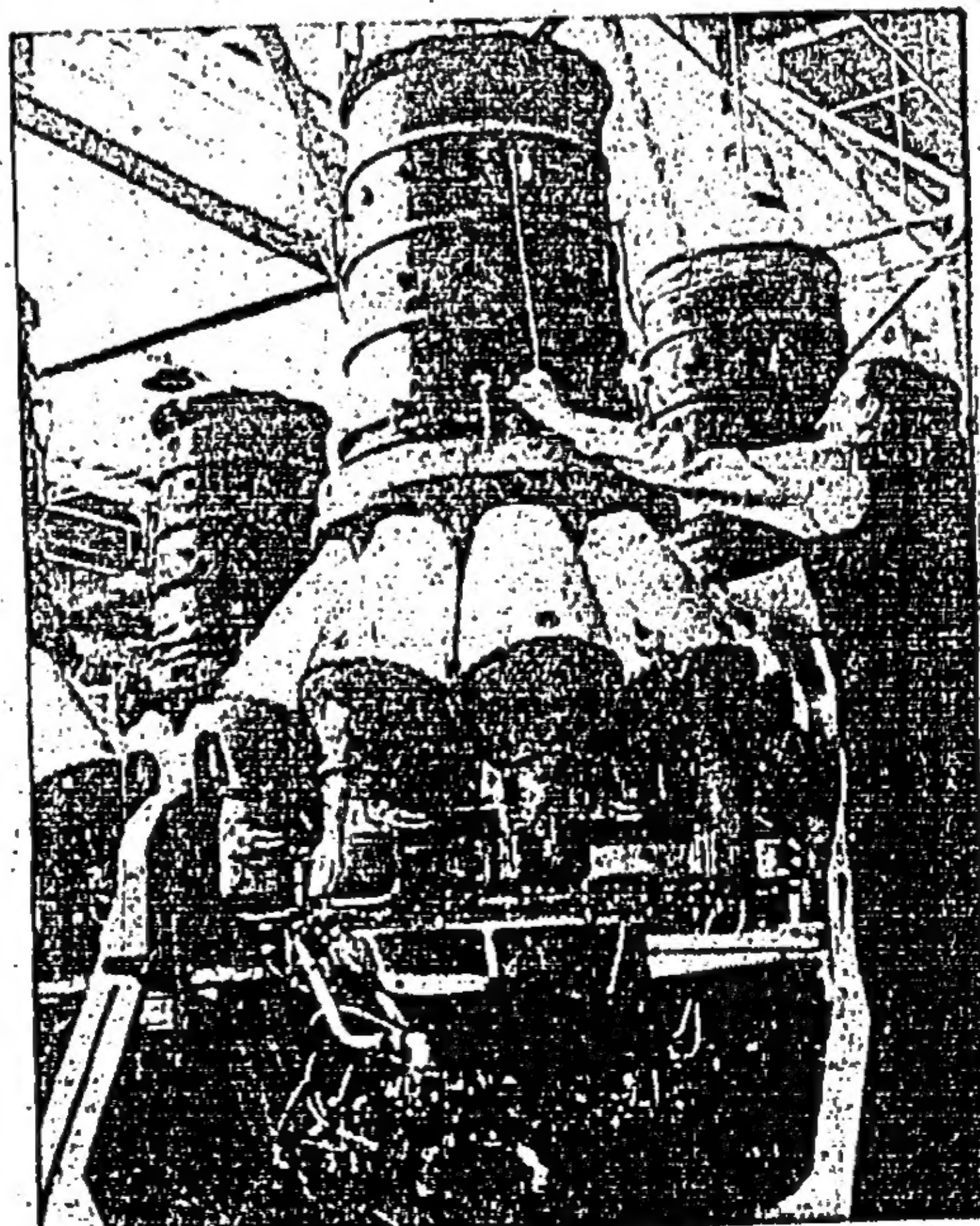
**TELLS OF SOVIET HORROR**—Gerhard Rieffenstahl, 18, still wearing the rubberized suit issued to him during his forced labour in a uranium mine in the Erz Mountains, tells the story of his escape from Saxony to a Western Sector policeman in Berlin. The youth, who said he lost 35 pounds in two months, estimated that between 30,000 and 50,000 persons are working in the mines under squalid conditions.



**WHAT WEATHER!**—Empire State Building employee Louis Petely lays claim to the title of coldest man in New York. A guide on the observation tower of the 102-storey skyscraper, he spends many a moment hanging on to frost-bitten ears.



**ON LOCATION AT EIFFEL TOWER**—With the rooftops of Paris as a backdrop, and the Eiffel Tower as location, Charles Laughton (left) and Franchot Tono (right) act out a scene from "The Man on the Eiffel Tower," first post-war full-length American picture to be made in Paris.



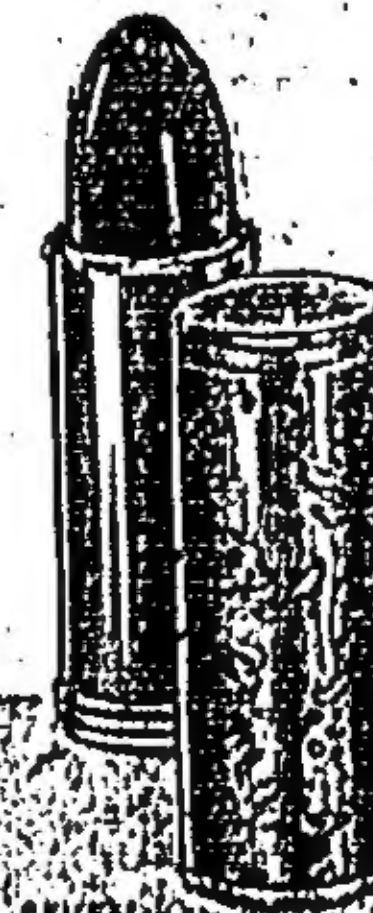
**TURBO-JETS**—A worker gives a final tune-up to Pratt and Whitney JT-6B Turbo-Wasps in an East Hartford, Connecticut, plant. With tail pipes pointed unconventionally upward, the jet engines of 5000 pounds thrust are equivalent to almost 9000 horsepower at today's aircraft speed.

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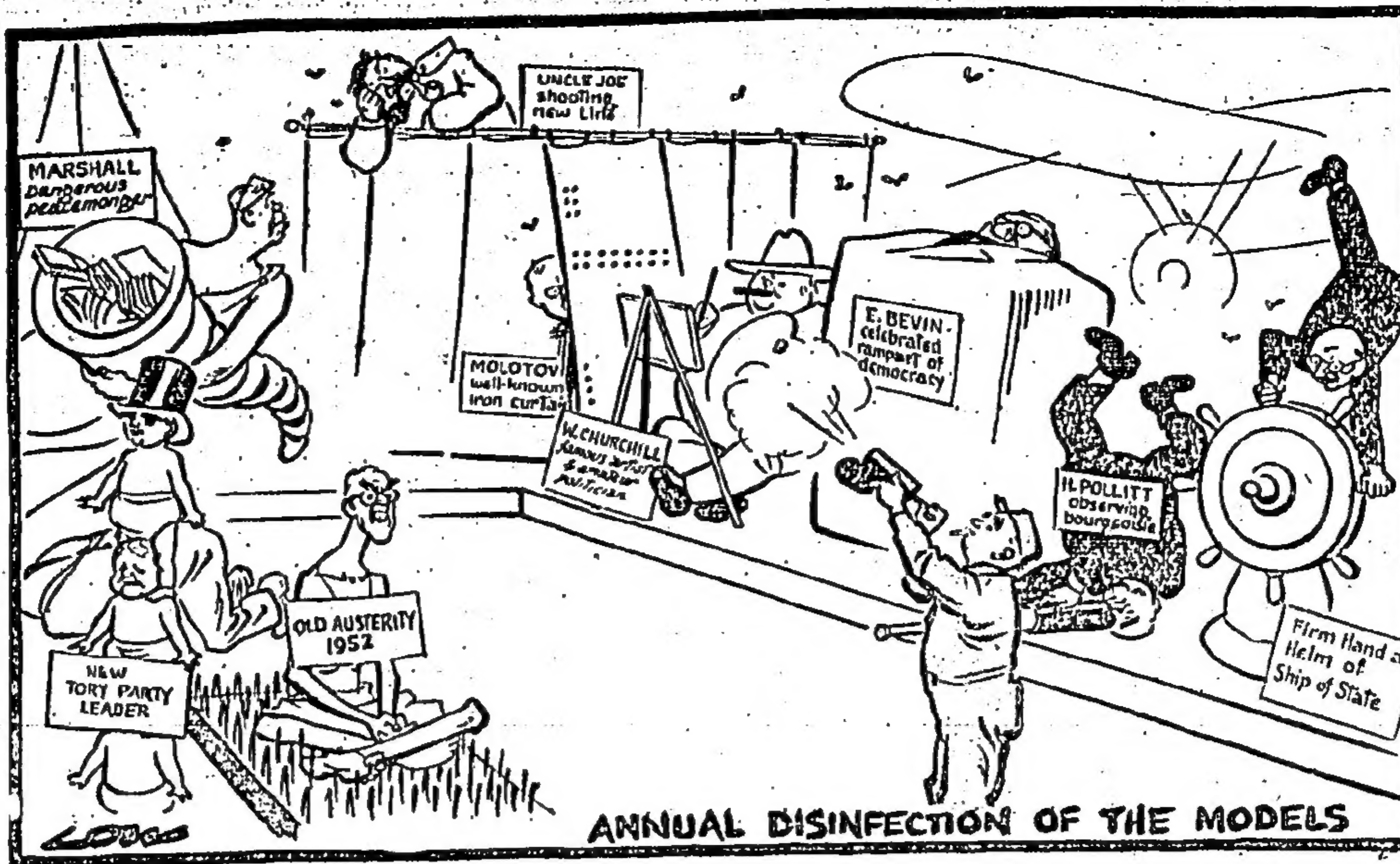
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## WHAT COMMUNISM DOES TO THE WORKER AND HIS UNION

—By S. Burton Heath—

IF some of the left-wing labour unionists could study what is going on since the Reds took over Hungary, they would kick their own Communists out fast. That is one conclusion of Paul Ruedemann and George A. Bannantine, who have seen with their own eyes what Communism does to the worker and his union.

He must attend every meeting, every parade. A check list is kept on attendance. In our central office there were three meetings a week, addressed by high-powered party propagandists.

"To illustrate how they work, there was the meeting at which the company was criticised for giving too much to its workers by way of social welfare, such as in cases of births, sicknesses, deaths, and similar emergencies. 'American extravagance,' the speakers called it.

"Does anybody have anything to say against petitioning the company to reduce its contributions?' the men were asked.

"Not one voice was raised against the motion. It carried unanimously. That is how Communist democracy functions at labour union level."

"One sabotage charge against us," said Bannantine, "was that we spent too much money on workers' housing. We built a lot of neat, modern homes for our men. The Reds said they were too good for workers. The money could better have been used in other ways.

### FOUR CATEGORIES

"You know how American labour unions feel about 'speed-up' and incentive plans. Well, over there bonuses and special privileges for speed-up are fundamental parts of the Communist three-year plan. And a man who doesn't produce what is expected of him frequently is fired and blacklisted on the charge of sabotage."

The government, Ruedemann said, has grouped all Hungarian industries into four categories: A, B, C and D, according to production volume and number of employees. MAORT is in Group A.

"Like every industry in Group A, the top group, MAORT is entitled to one top man who can be paid 3,500 florins a month. At the artificial exchange rate that is US\$280 a month, but in buying power it is about \$100.

"The schedule tells how many men, in each company, in any group, shall be paid each wage rate. There's no collective bargaining. The union has no more to say about it than management does.

"When we were there we had a 44-hour week, with time and a half for overtime and double time for Saturday, Sunday and holiday overtime. Now, under nationalisation, the men work a 48-hour week before overtime begins. We have had no word about what is done after the 48 hours have been worked."

"Because food had been so scarce," said Bannantine, "we formerly had trucks scouring the farming areas, exchanging kerosene and gasoline for food for our company stores. The government now has abolished the company stores."

### TOTALITARIAN BALLOT

"Communists like to have everything 'voluntary.' So the workers are urged, almost required, to 'debate.' But the debate is like a totalitarian ballot. It has a place only for 'yes.' A foolish worker who says 'no,' or even questions, can expect to lose his job and, when he tries to get another, find himself blacklisted from all employment.

"This goes beyond matters of party policy. It is almost a total thing. One worker, for example, ventured to criticise a party functionary for using the company car to chase around the night club and red light districts. He was fired, and blacklisted. The functionary wasn't even reproved.

"Nor can a worker get by passively. He has to work at his Com-



Paul Ruedemann (left) and George A. Bannantine. The union became merely a stage for the government.



MAORT was the second important foreign-owned industry seized by the Red government. The first was a Ford assembly plant. All Hungarian-owned industries employing as many as 100 persons were nationalised last Easter. In addition, the government seized all property of the owners—their homes, cars, bank accounts, on the ground that they had been paid for with profits from the businesses.

"There were reports that all businesses employing 20 or more were to be nationalised," said Bannantine, "but that had not happened when we left.

"When an industry is nationalised, sometimes workers are promoted to management, but that never lasts long. Soon they are replaced by party favourites.

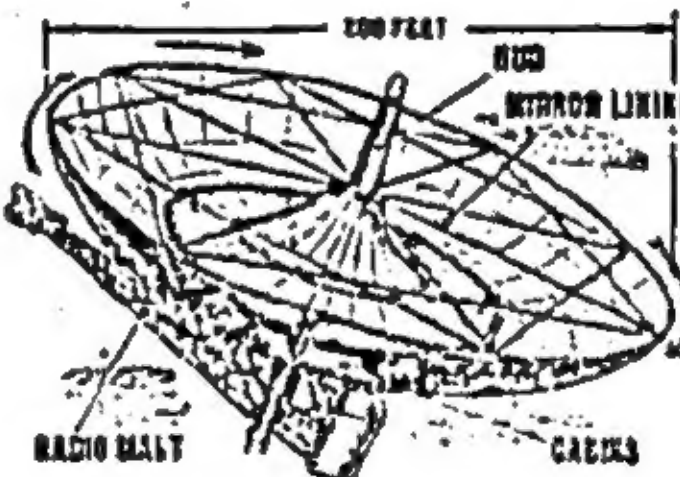
"A man named Szege, formerly with a Russian-sponsored export-import company, was made deputy general manager of our big oil company. The manager's name is Szekely, and he was the Hungarian equivalent of a certified public accountant.

"Forgacs, an ex-salesman, not of oil, was made head of the technical department in charge of geological, geophysical, engineering and production work. Benda, salesman for a chain of stores selling hosiery, sweaters, etc., was made head of purchase, sales and accounting.

"That's typical of the background of men chosen to operate nationalised industries."

## SKY-SNOOP ON ATOM MEN?

By Chapman Pincher



PLANS for a real flying saucer, an inhabited space-station which could control the world's atomic energy, have been completed by British rocket technicians.

The chief designer, Mr. H.E. Ross, of High Wycombe, Bucks, described it to the Interplanetary Society in London recently.

The space-station idea is based on this theory:—

If a rocket could be given a speed of about 6,500 miles an hour at a height of 22,000 miles, gravitation would be balanced.

The rocket—and any man or thing leaving it—would therefore circle the earth, which is the half-way course between flying off at a tangent and falling.

And at this height the rocket would move round the earth at the same rate as the earth rotates.

So people in the rocket would see the earth as stationary. And three such space-stations could watch every country. Large-scale explosions would be reported.

But how to construct it?

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The saucer would be 200 ft. wide and weigh 2,000 tons. It would be prefabricated and taken up piece-meal by piloted freight rockets.

Mr. Ross believes that 60 journeys would do the job. Each load would be dumped into space—to be picked up later.

"The bits would not fall, but would circle the earth, passing over exactly the same spot at precise intervals," says Mr. Ross. "So, although we might lose an odd bolt, we should be able to pick up all the main parts—especially with radar to help us."

Engineers, wearing rigid space suits supplied with oxygen would put together the dumped pieces.

They could step into space without falling and jet-propel themselves about by squirting gas from cylinders strapped on their backs.

One man could lift the heaviest girder because it would be weightless. Lammers and screw-drivers could be put down on nothing, and would not drop. They would follow the man at the same speed of 6,500 m.p.h.

Power from the sun's rays would be needed to spin the saucer round its hub and produce an artificial gravity. For without it the men in the station would float in the chemically-made air.

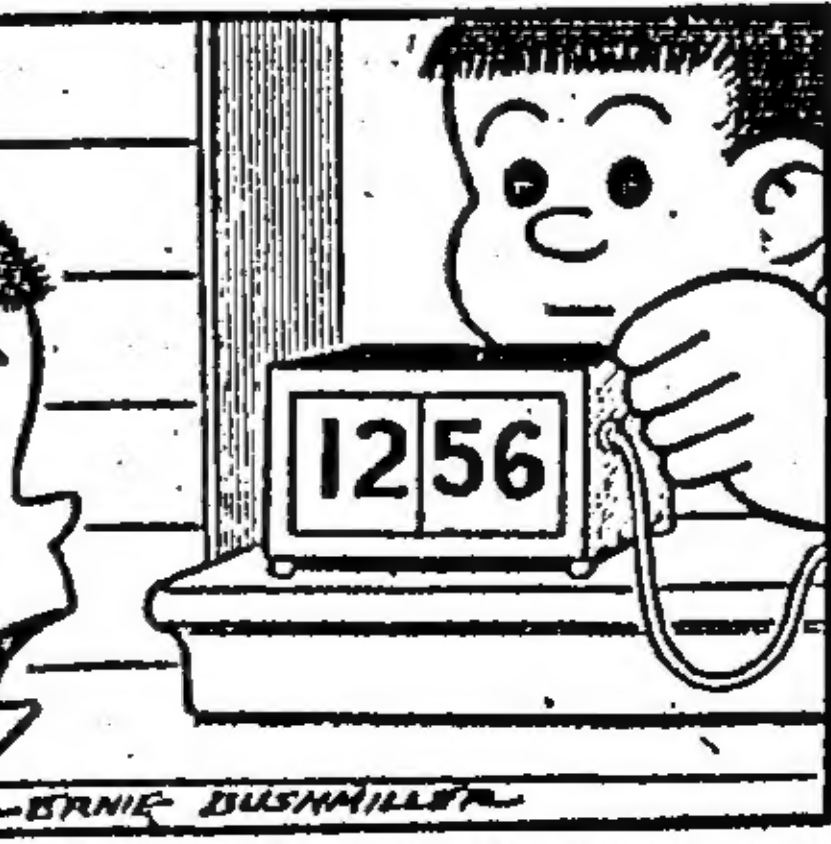
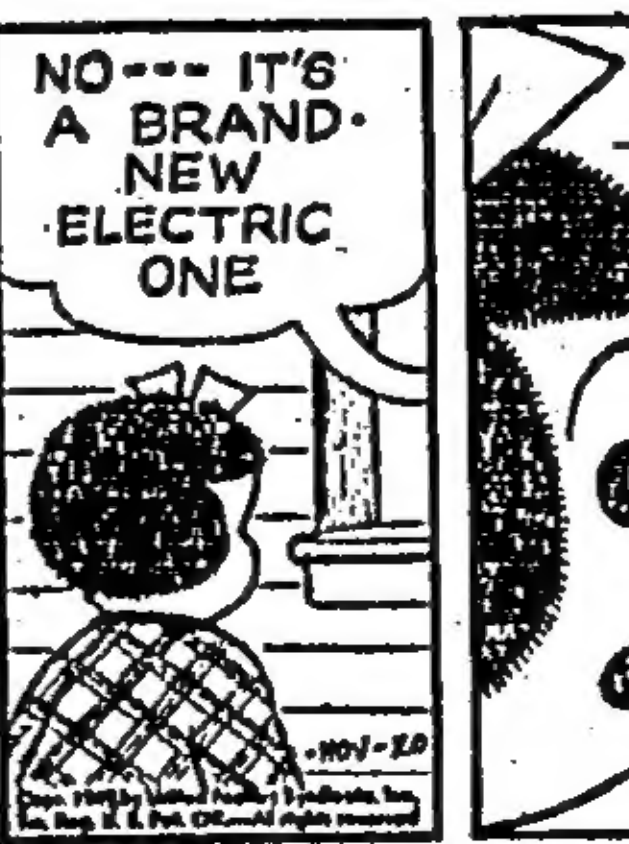
A huge radio-mast underneath would be the anchorage for "liberty rockets" which would ferry the crews for "earth leave". Other everyday purposes of the station would be to provide accurate weather forecasts and to give a world-wide re-diffusion television service.

Mr. Ross says: "The project would cost about £130 million."

NOTE: A rocket to be launched shortly in America is expected to reach a record 235 miles.

NANCY Right to the Minute

By Ernie Bushmiller



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# Royall Reported To Have Asked For Change In Germany

Washington, Jan. 30.—The Army Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Royall, who is on his way to Japan, was tonight reported to have asked President Truman to turn over to the State Department the job of administering occupied Germany, but Government officials said they had no knowledge of such a request.

Mr Royall was said to have made the request in a letter to the White House shortly after his return from Germany on January 3. He reportedly sent a copy to the State Department for its information.

## Search For Missing Superfort

London, Jan. 30.—Three United States Superfortresses left Waddington, Lincolnshire, and Marham, Norfolk, today to continue the search for the B-29 Superfortress with 15 men on board which was reported missing on a flight from Dakar, West Africa, to Britain on Thursday night.

The American Air Force headquarters in London announced today that flares had been sighted near the area where the missing Superfortress had sent out its last message.

Ships have left Port Lyautoy, French Morocco, to search for the plane. The statement said the flares were sighted 50 miles north of Lae, Palau, in the Caroline Islands. "With the prevailing sea current being south-east, the possibility of this being the drift position of the survivors is very encouraging."

## Separate Peace Report

(Continued from Page 1)

Li's chief emissary in Nanking is known as "Yang Yi-tung" and his chief emissary in Shanghai is reported to be General Chen Ming-shui, former Governor of Kwangtung province. Both were reported to be working behind a tight curtain of secrecy in their efforts to get Nanking and Shanghai to sue for a local peace settlement.

A spokesman for Aeling, President Li Tsung-jen said he knew nothing about the two dissident Kuomintang members and he had no contact with them.

Earlier, a source close to the Aeling President said that "encouraging results" from Peiping in conversations with his envoy, Huang Chi-han, caused him to be "unshaken" in his effort to reach a peace settlement, despite the bitter Communist broadcasts. Some Nationalist believed, however, that peace prospects founded on the hardened Communist demands that Chiang be ousted as a "war criminal."

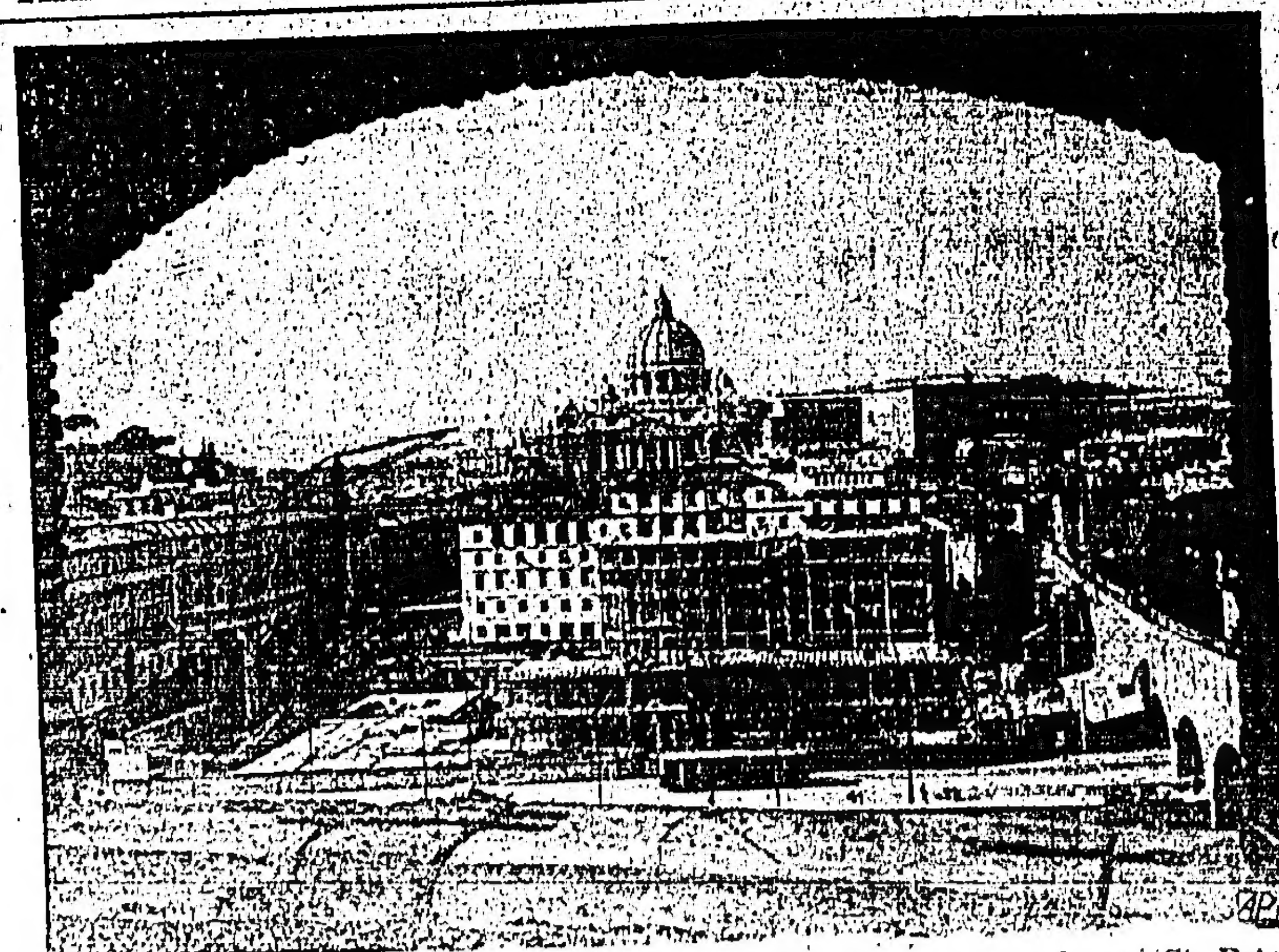
Meanwhile, Nanking's City Council continued their efforts for a local peace "if the worse comes to the worst." They met twice today and were reported to be ready to ask President Li for permission to send a civic delegation across the Yangtze into Communist lines to sue for peace.—United Press.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I hope supper will be ready. These cookies and apples are making me awfully hungry!"



**HOTEL FOR PILGRIMS**—The building (foreground) being constructed near St. Peter's (background) in Rome will house pilgrims who will visit the city during Holy Year of 1950. Offices of Catholic Action groups will be in the building.

## Bubble Gum New Fad In Canton

Canton, Jan. 30.—Canton's enterprising street merchants have discovered a new gold mine.

In less than a month, they have hawked bubble gum, hitherto a little-known commodity here, into a major fad, enjoyed by everyone from dirty-faced street children to well-dressed adults patronizing the better tea-house and cabarets.

The street hawkers say that they bring the gum in from Hongkong themselves. It sells for GY\$10 for four pieces.

Last week, of major government and military changes both here and in Nanking, Canton's popular daily Chien Kwo used its main editorial for an attack on the new fad.

The paper estimated that more than 20 percent of the city's population wasted US\$4,000 on bubble gum every day. At the same time, it attacked the chewing habit because it was a menace to health.—United Press.

## STALIN'S OFFER TO TRUMAN

(Continued from Page 1)

While Washington digested this latest pronouncement from the Kremlin, the only positive thing American officials were saying was that Generalissimo Stalin's statement was regarded as important and deserved and would receive the closest study.—Reuter.

### SIGNIFICANT SIGN

London, Jan. 30.—London observers consider it significant that, for the first time, a member of the Soviet Government has mentioned the possibility of lifting the Berlin blockade without imposing any conditions about the circulation of the Soviet mark in Western Berlin.

It was generally believed in London that the Western powers would have no objection to lifting their transport restrictions on Berlin—demanded by Generalissimo Stalin—simultaneously with the lifting of those imposed by the Soviet Government.

The view has been held in well-informed quarters in London for some weeks that the Soviet authorities would shortly make a fresh attempt, through four-power negotiation, to solve the Berlin crisis and arrest the Western development of the British, French and United States occupation zones of Germany.

### PRACTICAL MOVE

Observers also felt that the statement by the Soviet Premier constituted an important practical move, not merely a rhetorical appeal to world opinion.

In Paris, the news was greeted with solicitation tonight. Details of the reported statement reached Paris too late for the Sunday afternoon papers and Frenchmen heard the announcement in the 7.00 p.m. GMT news bulletin.

In political circles, the first news of the statement was regarded with optimism as tending to reduce the tension in the present international situation.—Reuter.

### "SOFT" MESSAGE

London, Jan. 30.—Some British quarters today expressed more interest over the timing of Marshal Josef Stalin's statement than over their contents.

They regarded Stalin's answers as a "soft" message to the United States. But it came within 24 hours after a tough Moscow denunciation of Western Union and a note to Norway that caused some concern.

British authorities said this added up to a policy of "intimidating the weak and coaxing the strong." Britons felt that Stalin's answers did not directly concern Britain except for the statement on the Berlin blockade. They saw little prospect that the answer on this point would lead to settlement of the blockade.—United Press.

## CNAC Plane's Landing On Red Airfield

Shanghai, Jan. 31.—The China National Aviation Corporation here confirmed last night that one of its planes, with 19 persons on board, had landed in Communist territory, according to the North China Daily News.

It was earlier reported that a CNAC plane had been "kidnapped" in mid-air and forced to fly into Communist territory. The CNAC Operations Control said last night that the plane, a DC-3 No. P 135, took off from Shanghai with a crew of three and 16 passengers.

The pilot was an American but his name was not known.

The plane was on a routine scheduled flight to Tsingtao. No reports were received and when the plane was overdue search aircraft were sent out to crisscross the area.

One of the search planes eventually found that the CNAC plane had landed at Tsinan (capital of Shantung province) airfield.

The searchers were not able to determine whether it had made a forced landing because of mechanical trouble, but reported that it appeared to have alighted safely and without damage.

Tsinan lies almost due west of Tsingtao, about 280 miles away. This was thought to tend to confirm the story of a "hold-up" in mid-air. Aviation circles thought it most unlikely that a pilot would have flown into trouble there, said he would have either flown straight on or turned round and come back.—Reuter.

## Pope's Plea For Better Family Life

Vatican City, Jan. 30.—Pope Pius XII said today that the consolidation of the Christian family was one of the most urgent needs of our times.

Speaking through the Vatican Radio to the Bolivian Eucharistic Congress, the Pope said: "There are few needs" as urgent as the consolidation of the Christian family, the keystone which supports human society, which is the dome crowning the whole building of creation.

"The needs are of such immediate importance as the cultivation of this natural source of life to save the very existence of the human race and to insure that the fruit of the redemption is not lost in it."

The Pope said that "unity, indissolubility, and even the transcendence" of the Christian family are today in danger.—Associated Press.

## FIGHTING IN BASSEIN

Rangoon, Jan. 30.—Burmese Government troops were today fighting Karen insurgents in the important rice town of Bassein, 115 kilometres west of Rangoon, as the Burmese Premier, Thakin Nu, prepared to meet Karen leaders in an attempt to end the countryside insurrection.

Government reinforcements reported that parts of the town were in flames. Karen leaders meeting the Premier were led by Saw Ba U Gyi, President of the Karen National Union. Pro-Government sources said they were demanding, among other things, Government recognition of a separate Karen State and the formation of a Coalition Government to work for internal peace and ensure free and fair elections.—Reuter.

## Taft-Hartley Repeal Bill Hearings

Washington, Jan. 30.—President Truman's Taft-Hartley Act repeal bill starts on its rocky road through Congress tomorrow with industry, labour and even some administration officials prepared to fight some of its provisions.

The bill, which keeps closely to the pledge Mr Truman laid down in his election campaign, calls on Congress to throw out the Republican-sponsored Wagner Act with added provisions to give it "teeth." It omits practically all the Taft-Hartley provisions which the Chamber of Commerce of the United States said should be retained.

These include the ban on closed shop and restrictions on Union shop, non-Communist affidavits from Union officers and the right to use unions for breach of contract. However, the measure overrides the objections of labour by asking for injunctive powers to halt jurisdictional strikes and boycotts. It would also apparently leave intact the Government's power to seek injunctions in national emergency strikes.

Aides to the Federal Mediation Director, Mr Cyrus Ching, said he would resign if his service was returned to the Labour Department as the Truman bill recommends. The hearings start tomorrow when the Senate Labour Committee opens brief hearings on the repeal bill. The chairman, Senator Elbert Thomas, said they would definitely finish on February 10 despite the clamour for more time by the publicans, who are accusing administration leaders of trying to "choke off" public debate.—United Press.

## TWO ROBBERIES IN YAUMATI

Two robberies were carried out in the Yaumati district during the weekend. At 8 p.m. on Saturday, three men broke into No. 858 Canton Road, bound and gagged the inmates and got away with \$800 in cash and clothing.

In the early hours of Saturday morning, Wong Wai-chong, of Wah On Lane, was walking in the street at the intersection of Hamilton and Shanghai streets when two men held him up and relieved him of \$2,000.

No arrests have yet been made.

## Radio Hongkong

1 p.m. Favourite Waltz Medleys 1.15. News, Weather Report and Announcements 1.25. Theatre Memories played by the London Palladium Orchestra 2. New Light Symphony Orchestra and Patricia Lightsey (Piano) 2.30. "It's in the Heart" Variety Request Programme presented by Susan Howard (Studio); 3. "The Mikado" Comic Opera by Gilbert and Sullivan. Recorded under the personal supervision of Rupert D'Oyly Carte with a cast from the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company 4.25. Mantovani and His Orchestra 5. Children's Half Hour (Studio); 6. Commonwealth Variety Bandbox 7. World News and News Analysis (Studio); 7.15. "Adventures of Chaimmole" by Jonathan Sivy (Studio); 7.30. Hospital by Jonathan Sivy (Studio); 8. "The Editor" (Studio); 8.15. English Madrigals sung by the Cambridge University Madrigal Society 9. "We like what we like" presented by "Mr and Mrs See Teo" (Studio); 9. Yvonne Prentiss Entertains with Extracts from "The Three Graces" 9.15. Piano Recital by Walter Gieseking 9.30. London Playhouse. "The Wolf of Paris" with Michael Rennie and John Gielgud 10. Radio News Reel (Studio) 10.15. Weather Report (Studio) 10.30. "The Rake's Progress" Ballet played by the British Ballet Orchestra (Studio) 10.45. Cabaret and Dance Music 11.30. Weather Report and Close Down.

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## Israel May Rejoin Sterling Bloc

London, Jan. 30.—Israel's possible return to the sterling bloc and her opposition to the "shadow concessions" granted to the Iraqi Petroleum Company by the British mandatory Government will be among the chief topics of the forthcoming Anglo-Israeli economic talks, the Sunday Times Tel-Aviv correspondent reported today.

"Economic experts here believe that the talks may result in Israel's returning to the sterling bloc," the dispatch said.

"But the Israeli Government—although bound by all the concessions granted by the British during the mandate—have taken a hostile view of the shadow concessions to the Iraqi Petroleum Company, granting as the very least terms, port facilities and the right to lay another pipeline through Palestine territory."

"A Tel-Aviv spokesman said five months ago: 'The Israeli Government does not hold itself bound by these new under-the-table concessions.'"

The "shadow concessions" were granted to oil companies by the declining High Commissioner for Palestine, General Sir Alan Cunningham, without being published in the official Gazette, the correspondent reported.

### FROZEN ASSETS

The correspondent said the other two main topics of the discussions to follow the British de facto recognition of the Jewish State would be:

1.—The £20 million of Palestine money which has been frozen by the Treasury since last August, just before the end of the mandate, when Palestine was excluded from the sterling bloc.

2.—The British Mandatory Government obligations as regards pensions to British and Palestine officials. In the opinion of Whitehall, these should have been taken over by whatever authority succeeded the Mandatory Government.

—Reuter.

## Pilot Steel Plant For Pakistan

Karachi, Jan. 29.—In view of the world shortage of special alloy steels, and the Pakistan government's plan for a balanced economy of agriculture and industry, the government has decided to establish a pilot plant for the manufacture of alloy steels.

The plant, which will be set up at Wahi, in the West Punjab, is the government's first step in the steel industry, and is associated with a scheme to establish ordinance factories.

Details of an agreement with Messrs. Darwin's Limited, (Sheffield), who will assist the government in establishing the plant, are being worked out by the Pakistan High Commissioner in the United Kingdom. One of the features of this agreement is the offer of free training for 15 Pakistani boys for six months in the United Kingdom.

The plant, which will consist of a high-frequency melting shop unit for the production of special steels and alloys, will be expanded in its intermediate and final phases so as to include a job foundry, forge department, annealing shop, pattern shop, and a rolling mill.

An officer of the government of Pakistan will be placed in charge of construction of the pilot plant. He will visit Messrs. Darwin's, where detailed plans and designs will be studied.

The government of Pakistan will subscribe 61 percent of the cost of the plant; the remaining amount will be met by provincial governments and Pakistani nationals.

—United Press.

## OUTWARD MAILS

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MONDAY, JANUARY 31  
Closing Times by Air

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Manila, 11.30 a.m. (reg & ord).  
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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE  
Defence Is Possible For Smother Play

Lesson Hand—Both vul.

South	West	North	East
♠ 2	♠ 4	♠ 10	♠ 11
♥ 10	♥ 10	♥ 10	♥ 10
♦ 10	♦ 10	♦ 10	♦ 10
♣ 10	♣ 10	♣ 10	♣ 10

Opening—♦ K

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

THIS is the fourth of the five articles on the fascinating but difficult smother play.

I have selected today's smother play for our lesson hand because it is one of the few smother plays against which you can create a defence. It differs from the rest of the plays in this series and some players might refer to it as a forced coup; nevertheless, it comes under the smother classification.

West cashes the king of diamonds and declarer ruffs the second diamond with the nine of spades. The jack of clubs is led and East correctly refuses to win it, to avoid creating two entries into dummy. Declarer continues with another club, East wins this and leads a diamond, forcing South to ruff with the ten of spades.

Now declarer enters dummy and leads a trump, finessing the jack. He cashes the ace and king of hearts and leads a small heart, throwing West in the lead.

The three remaining cards in each hand are underlined. West has nothing to lead but a diamond or a club. North and East each have three trumps, while declarer has the ace-queen of trumps and the eight of hearts. If West returns a diamond, it is trumped in dummy. If East under-trumps, another trump will be led from dummy and the queen finessed. If East trumps with the king, South will win with the ace, cash the queen of trumps, and the last trick will be won in dummy.

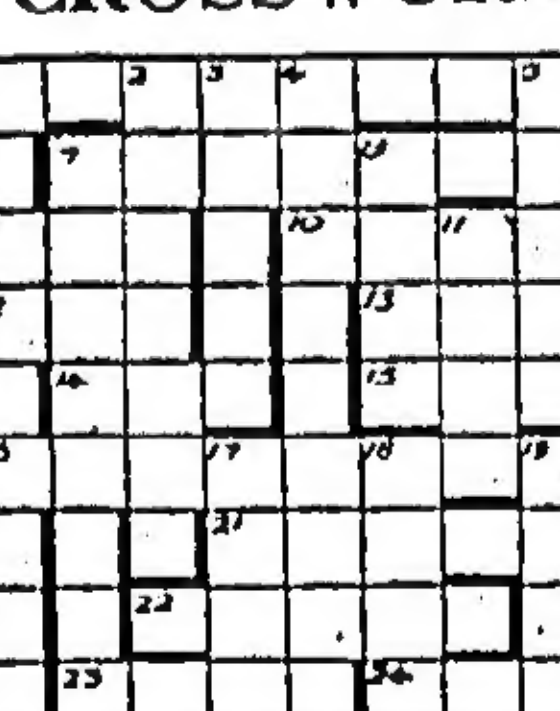
Here is the defence against this particular play. The play goes the same up to the point where East wins the trick with the ace of clubs. Now, instead of returning a diamond to shorten the declarer, if East returns a heart, declarer will have to win the trick with the king. He can win the trick with the queen of clubs, but he can take only one finesse. When he finesses the ten of spades, he can cash his other high heart and throw West in the lead; but now West will have a diamond exit and thus defeat the smother play.

## Check Your Knowledge

1. A Philippians would be an inhabitant of what place?
2. Locate the Sulu Sea.
3. What is the literal meaning of vernacular?
4. Who is referred to as the "Treasurer of the American Revolution"?
5. Why is the lyre bird so called?
6. Who has just succeeded Mr. T. V. Soong as Governor of Kwangtung?

(Answers in Column 3)

## CROSSWORD



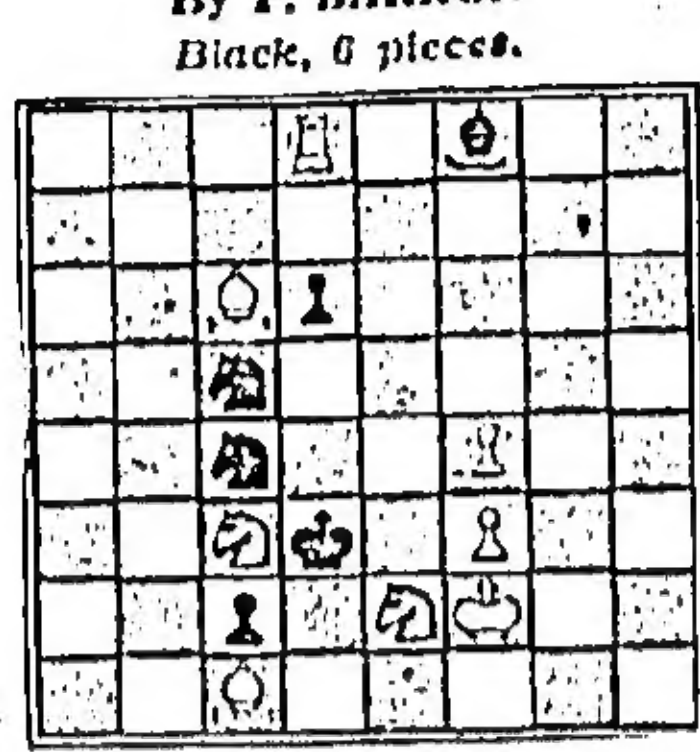
- Across
- 1 and 6. Sounds like a weed cast upon the waters; actually used in ship repairing. (10, 11)
  7. Battle station. (8)
  8. Bolder. (3)
  9. Droll synonym. (5)
  10. She's the knave of clubs at 100. (4)
  11. Could be a sturdy rim for a star. (3)
  12. Prisoner is found thus in the film. (4)
  13. You will find it in the Central Post Office. (5)
  14. Accusation. (5)
  15. See 7 Down.
  16. This sword has no cutting edge. (4)
- Down
1. Sticky job for a pilot on a newspaper run. (7)
  2. It helps to make a report, but only a horse would include in it. (10)
  3. Preparation timer. (5)
  4. Method of performance. (10)
  5. On the way out. (5)
  6. See 1 Across.
  7. The position of a ship to the windward of another. (7)
  8. A letter from opera leaves it upset. (4)
  9. Unwounded. (4)
  10. See 1 Across.
  11. See 1 Across.
  12. See 1 Across.

## DUMB BELLS



## CHESS PROBLEM

By P. BARRON  
Black, 6 pieces.



White to play and mate in two.  
Solution to Friday's problem:  
1. K-K7. 2. K-K3; 2. K-K7; 2. K-K3; 2. K-K7.

## AROUND THE WORLD:

### Memory Visit to Bucharest

By TEMPLE MANNING

ONE of our friends has just become the owner of a particularly beautiful Besarabian carpet. So, of course, this was enough to flatter open the page of our memory book and send us back to Bucharest searching for Rumanian carpets.

It was not only for Oriental or Besarabian carpets that visitors used to haunt the antique shops in Bucharest. The beautiful silver work and the exquisite native costumes used to find ready buyers. But let's get out into the Clujese Kiseleff and the Clujese Victrola, which together form the main thoroughfare of the Rumanian capital.



Church in Bucharest.

### Seeing the City

A ride or, better still, a stroll along these thoroughfares is the best method of getting the feel of this rather strange city—strange because it is a blend of the east and the west, with a good dash of Russian dressing to lace it. Plane trees line the Kiseleff, and there are fine houses that stand each in its own huge garden. But we like to remember that it isn't only the great mansions that have grounds, but that even the smallest houses stand in its own lot with a garden.

The big houses took up so much space with courtyards, stables, kennels, etc., that they looked like country places set down in a town. In fact, whenever we mention the physical aspect of Bucharest that is always the first impression that comes to mind.

### Principal Promenade

As for the Clujese Victrola, it used to be, and maybe still is, the town's

principal promenade. It is a narrow, curving street, not at all the type of thoroughfare that becomes the leading promenade of a capital city. It is lined with great houses, including what was then the Royal Palace, and the National Theatre. It leads to the quays of the river, the Danube, or, as the Rumanians have it, the Dumbovitza. All the main attractions of the city—the new apartment houses, leading cafes, restaurants and shops—are set in a comparatively small area on either side of the Victrola.

Bucharest in the old days drew from many sources, which made for a fascinating picture. Clothes and luxuries were typically Parisian; but the architecture, the beautiful, delightful ornaments and details derived from Vienna; and the wealthy copied the prodigality and extravagance of the Russian aristocracy for their way of life. And, over all, was the feeling of the Orient, with, as musical background, the violins and cymbals of the Tzigane, or gypsy.

Bucharest is huge and sprawling and somehow the big blocks of very modern apartment houses seem out of place. The town has grown fast, and churches and convents that until about seventy years ago were right in the country are now in the midst of busy streets, where imported cars and droshkies driven by Russian coachmen make for a fascinating parade. Fascinating, too, are the cafes and restaurants, with marvellous food matched by marvellous music—not necessarily the important or expensive places, but little restaurants or gradinas as well.

(Tomorrow—Science At Work).

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

I UNDERSTAND that the new restaurant about which everybody is talking, the Blue Baboon, is a venture of Captain Foulencourt.

For five shillings you get a superb meal. Cover charge 5s. Table-cloth 2s. 6d. Napkins 1s. each, four for 3s. 6d. Knives and forks 3s. each. Spoons 1s. 6d. each. Music 5s. Attendance 5s. Service charge 2s. 6d. Use of crockery 2s. 6d. Salt, pepper, mustard 4s. 6d. inclusive. Room charge 2s. 6d. Table charge 2s. 6d. Light and heat 2s. 6d. Meal charge 1s. Space charge 1s. Supplementary cover charge 2s. 6d. Waiter 2s. 6d. Bread-plate charge 1s. Chair charge 1s. Carpet charge 1s. Ceiling charge 1s. Door charge 1s. Management's fee 5s. Deposit 2s. 6d. Extending of bill 1s. 12s. included in bill 10s.

Too good to be true  
DR. HUXLEY is retiring (from UNESCO). He has worked hard at a task which called for all his administrative experience gained at the London Zoo.

(The Manchester Guardian.)

### More dignity

MR GILBERT FRANKAU has suggested that, in order to reduce the price of books and to attract a bigger public, novels should carry advertisements. This, he said, would involve no loss of dignity.

I would go further, and even add dignity to the whole business by incorporating the advertisements in the text of the novel. Thus—

"The sun was shining brightly, but not as brightly as Gleemo, when Edna sprang from her Calico bed, washed hastily, using, like all ladies of discretion and taste, none but Barleib soap, cleaned her teeth with Parliette, and went downstairs to breakfast, noting the absence of dust due to Kleenexcepe. On the spotless cloth ('Kleenexcepe'), she murmured to herself) lay a letter. Her appetite, thanks to Phronzil, was excellent, and as her eyes (ashes by Kilpon, 18s. 6d. per pair) surveyed the tell-tale missive,...

### Specimen title-page

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by  
MYRA DALTRY  
Cleanse Your Pores  
with  
SNIBBO

## YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

BORN today, you have a charming and magnetic personality which will always be a help to you through life. Since you have a commanding eye, one look from you in disciplinary measures, is as good as a hundred words from someone else. You have, also what is called, a "healing hand" and will make an excellent physician, surgeon or nurse. Good with children, you also could gain in the teaching profession, provided you were not bound by long-established conventions.

You have a keen, even a brilliant mind, and are inventive when it comes to discovering new ways of doing things. You have a keen sense of justice and will not put yourself before others when unwarranted. But you are ambitious and want to progress far up the

ladder of success. This, you will do, provided you make the best possible use of your talents.

You are very critical of others less industrious than yourself and cannot abide those who try to get by with bluff. But you will go out of your way to help someone who works hard and tries to do something although it be too advanced for his capabilities.

Rather fickle in your emotions, you are very likely to select your close friends and companions from those who are the direct opposite of yourself. In marriage, if a brunette, select a blonde and vice versa.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You can advance your own prospects if your ideals are held high against all opposition. Don't compromise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Be self-reliant today. Don't depend upon others to get things for you.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Good salesmanship pays today. Be on your toes for the best possible results. Deal with the opposite sex.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Combine social and business engagements for the best success today. Find a romantic interest in a business associate.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Give public speech, a lecture or an address with excellent results for some social or charity cause.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—A fortunate day, especially for all employees. They can probably get exactly what they ask for now.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Balance good against the bad and select what is propitious for your future. Postpone, however, signing papers.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Well-directed energy and ambition pay off today. Make the most of all potential offers.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A good all-round day, both at home and at the office. You may combine social and business interests, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Your own personal initiative and attitude will regulate the degree of success for you today. Be progressive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Morning is best for your most important activities. Get them finished by lunchtime.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Trends are improving, especially for all those connected with manufacturing, either as an employer or employee.

## RED RYDER

No Quarter

By Fred Harman



## Silver Dollars In Demand In Shai

Shanghai, Jan. 31.—For the first time since 1917, the value of the United States dollar is worth only half a silver dollar in Shanghai. Street operators were last night peddling United States dollars at 1/2 to one, while silver dollar dealers were demanding 1/2 to one for a silver dollar.

One reason for this is the general belief that the Communists will permit the circulation of silver dollars.—Reuter.



# DEMOBILISATION OF CHINESE ARMIES A TOUGH PROBLEM

By WILLIAM PARROTT

Hankow, Jan. 30.—The problem of returning millions of Chinese soldiers to their native provinces stands out as a task for urgent attention if and when the course of current events brings an end to the civil war.

If this huge task is not tackled immediately fighting ceases, observers believe China will be riddled with crime and violence by soldiers, particularly of the Nationalist armies, who may be left to fend for themselves far from their homes and without control or money.

Whether the Communists, their apparently superior military organisation, could effectively cope with the problem is seriously questioned.

That the Communists acknowledge the problem, at least in part, is apparent from one of their broadcast peace-terms in which they demand the reorganisation of all anti-revolutionary armies on a democratic basis.

Whatever this may mean in other ways, it is considered it could at least enable a transfer of control and disciplinary authority—such as these exist in the Nationalist armies.

Chinese statistics are vague and probably no authority knows how many troops there are in the country.

The number of men in uniform, if not actually under arms, may range anywhere between 3,000,000 and 6,000,000.

How many are left on the Nationalist side is similarly only conjectural but there are certainly many hundreds of thousands.

These troops, observers say, have always been poorly disciplined, and because of their bad behaviour are hated by the civil population.

## MEN SCATTERED

What the feeling is between soldier and civilian in Communist areas is not clear but the troops would no doubt present the same problem if controls were relaxed.

The civil war has scattered Chinese troops all over the country, hundreds of miles from their homes. There are, for instance, probably over 100,000 soldiers from the southern province of Kwangsi in the Nationalist Central China armies.

There are men from Szechuan in the Nationalist armies defending Nanking.

Thousands of southerners are stranded in North China. The Communists have brought huge forces from Manchuria and North China down to the Yangtze Valley.

Their armies also contain many men from southern provinces. Civilians, on their part, would do little to assist the soldiers back to their homes except to get them out of the immediate locality.

The civilian attitude to the military is primarily based on their hatred of the civil war and the austerity it has brought.

But it is considered that the military—certainly the Nationalist if not the Communists—have earned opprobrium in their own right for they have treated the civil population shockingly.

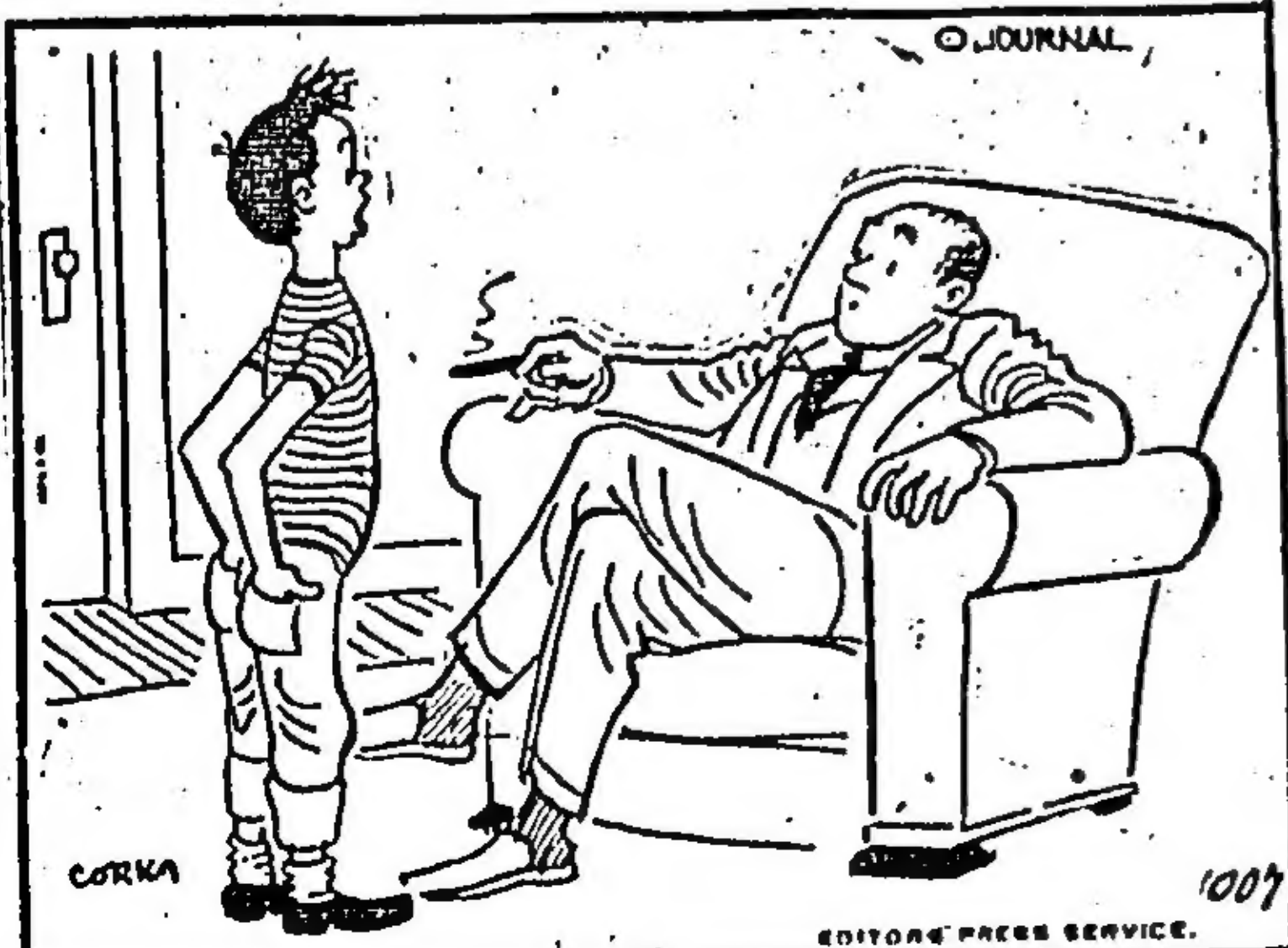
## Urges Peace With Soviet

Wigan, Lancashire, Jan. 30.—Mr. Kenneth Zilliacus, Labour Member of Parliament, tonight urged Britain to approach the Soviet Union for a settlement under the United Nations of the Middle East and Far East problems jointly with interested countries like the United States.

He told a Wigan Labour meeting that Mr. Winston Churchill wished to lead the world to a "bigger and bloodier war of intervention against the European, Russian and Chinese revolutions."

As long as Labour ruled, Britain would never be committed to such "supreme folly and abomination," he declared.

The British Government's failure in Palestine was a symptom of a world-wide break-up of Anglo-American policy, he said.—Reuter.



"I know about women. What I want you to tell me is how to shave."

## 1,500 Feet Waterspout



A waterspout, which the weather bureau said was caused by unstable air conditions, moves across Santa Monica (Calif.) bay during a storm. Watchers estimated its height at 1,500 feet and said it remained visible for 20 minutes.—AP Picture.

## GREEK REPLY TO REBELS CRITICISED

Athens, Jan. 30.—Radio Athens' reply to guerilla General Markos Vafandes' peace proposals appeared today to be degenerating into a squabble over the broadest interpretation and intention.

The Friday night broadcast by the Government-controlled radio made three points in replying to Markos.

To his demand for a general election, the radio said: "No one has any objection to this."

To his request for a cease-fire, the radio said: "It is enough for the bandits to lay down their arms."

It answered his stipulation that the British and Americans leave Greece with the statement: "The sovereign people could solve this question in elections."

The Press Ministry, which prepared the broadcast statement and issued it to the press, said today that any reports that the statement represented the Government's reply to Markos were "misinterpretations."

## PRESS CRITICAL

The Greek press has been sharply critical of the statement and the way it was issued, and the Populist Party organ described it as a "unilateral attempt to undermine Greece" and demanded that those responsible for the report be revealed.

The Conservative newspaper, Kathimeris, said the report was not presented in good faith and that Greece had never intended to discuss the guerilla proposals.

The Liberal paper Vima, said the new Markos proposal was similar to previous ones and therefore there could be no question of following it up in any way.—United Press.

## Ships Collide In Fog

Manila, Jan. 31. Globe Wireless reported it heard a distress signal at 5.50 a.m. Manila time today (Monday) from the steamer Ss Hsiang Hsing saying it had collided with the steamer Masbate 10 miles off Tungyin in foggy weather.—Associated Press.

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## NORDIC ALLIANCE TALKS FAIL

Oslo, Jan. 30.—Norway, Denmark and Sweden tonight announced that they had failed to agree on a union which would be free from alliances. A joint communique announcing this said the three countries would maintain and strengthen consultation on foreign policy and that the discussions had been conducted with "understanding and mutual trust."

It was learned in Oslo tonight that the Norwegian Parliament would meet in secret session this week to consider the United States' informal invitation to join the Atlantic Pact and a request from the Soviet Union for an explanation of Norway's attitude to the pact. Russia has asked for the explanation because Norway and the Soviet Union have "common frontiers."

The Norwegian Prime Minister, M. Einar Gerhardsen, said tonight that the discussions for the joint defence of Scandinavia failed because the three countries assessed their security problems differently.

### POLITE NOTE

"If sincerity and goodwill had been enough we should have achieved unity today on a Scandinavian defence union," he said. The Norwegian Foreign Minister, M. Halvard Lange, said at a press conference tonight that Russia's note was "factual, calm and polite" and would be considered by the Norwegian Parliament and Cabinet before a reply was sent.

He said the Swedish and Danish delegates to the Scandinavian defence discussions were not told of the Russian note to Norway. The delegates learned of the note through the midday radio news bulletin.

Asked if Norway expected a new approach from the Western powers following the breakdown of the pact talks, M. Lange replied: "There is no reason to suppose so."

According to diplomatic sources here, Norway will tell the Soviet Union that she has not yet decided to join the Atlantic Pact. This will be the gist of her reply to Russia's query of Sunday.

It will add that the Norwegian Government does not yet know the full details of the Russian note.

### JOINT COMMUNIQUE

The joint communique by Sweden, Norway and Denmark on the Scandinavian defence talks, announced tonight, said that existing consultations between the three countries on questions of foreign policy will be maintained and strengthened.

The communique said the discussions among the three nations have been conducted in a spirit of understanding and mutual trust.

The Norwegian Premier is to make a broadcast later today on the political situation. Earlier today, the Norwegian Foreign Office con-



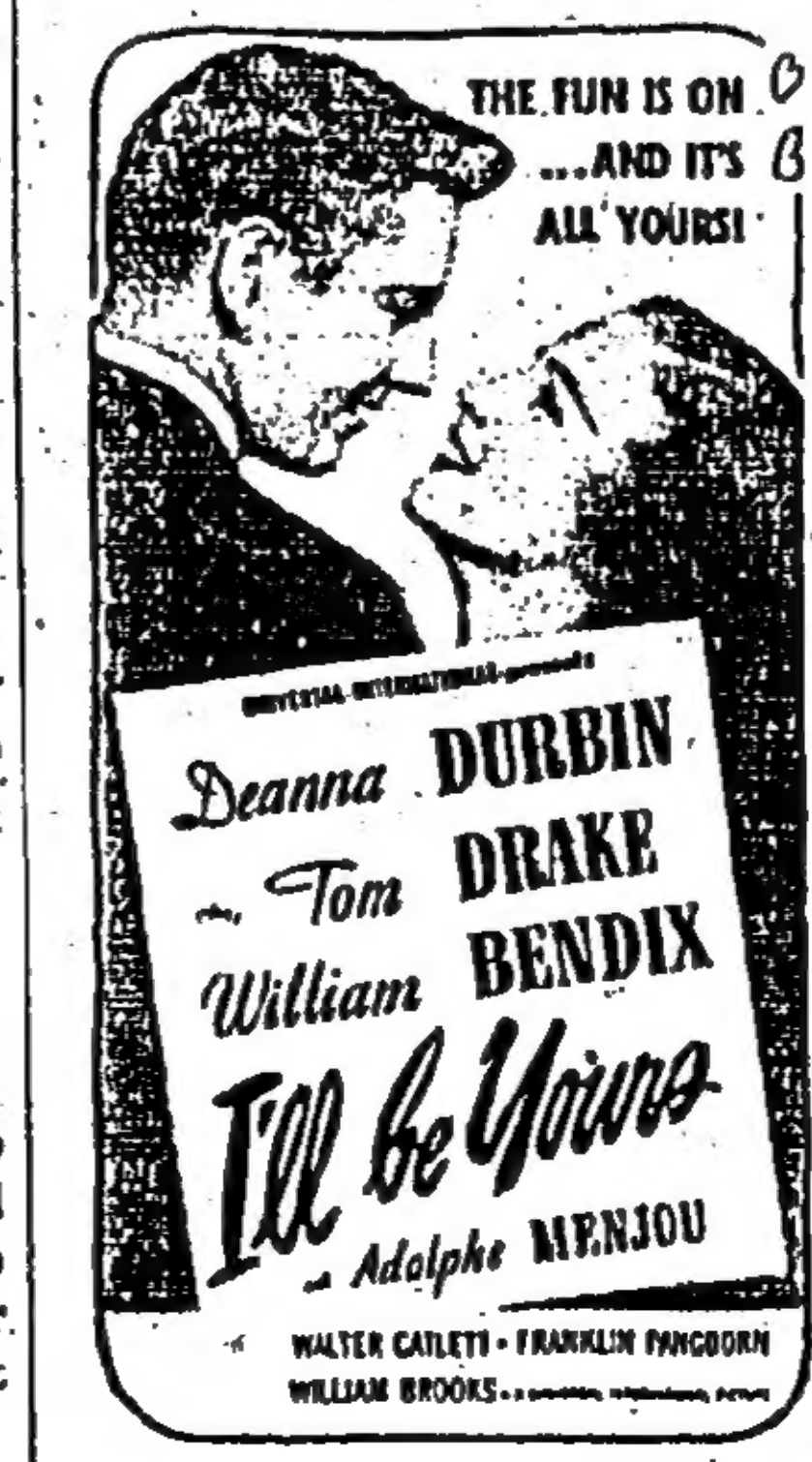
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